

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert
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“Good morning Mr. President, senators, congressmen, distinguished guests. Many times, many of you, have even today said to those of us that wear the cloth of the nation, thank you for your service. On behalf of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen May I say thank you for your service and for your support to your armed forces.

Please join me in a prayer for our national leaders:

Oh Lord, we come before you today thankful for the many blessings you have bestowed upon our nation, and we humbly ask for your continued guidance and strength.

Your word tells us of King David, whose willingness to place his faith in you during difficult times, serves as an example for us all. Like David, there are many in this nation who have answered the call to serve, both in and out of uniform. Lord, we are thankful for their dedication, their passion and perseverance, and for the families that support their every effort. When it comes to our search for inspiration, scripture clearly speaks about where we should begin charting our course – we begin with prayer. We ask that you continue to guide our leaders with wisdom and understanding as they weather the storms that confront our nation. Provide them God with the vision necessary to see the way ahead, the strength required to act on difficult decisions, and the compassion to care for the well-being of those that they lead. Fortify the resolve of the men and women who lead our great nation and provide us with bold, confident and accountable leaders capable of carrying out those actions that your wisdom directs.

In your holy name we pray, amen.”